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QATAR — Arab Relations

Sheikh of Qatar reported considering going to
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References to former relevant papers

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Addressed to Doha telegram No. 2 of August 13, 1957.
Repeated for information to Bahrain

Foreign Office

Your telegram No. 5. — N/R

General Baktiar has told us that he has had a report that the Sheikh of Quater is considering going to Cairo to discuss the possibility of placing his State under Arab protection (sic).

Foreign Office please pass to Doha and Bahrain as my telegrams Nos. 2 and 95 respectively.

[Repeated to Doha and Bahrain.]

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

for Foreign Affairs
(at No. 10 Downing St.)

We know that the Ruler of Qatar is going to Switzerland for medical treatment and that he will be passing through Cairo. He has asked the Qatar Petroleum Company's Medical Officer to travel with him. Nevertheless it has been reported from Cairo that he is going there on a state visit. This ^{Tehran} report may also be the result of Egyptian propaganda.

Qatar is the most likely of the Persian Gulf states to seek protection elsewhere but if she did it would be to Saudi Arabia that she would turn.

Hogan

August 13, 1957

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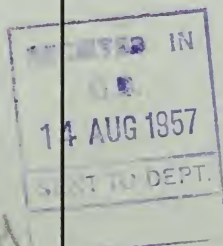
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Tehran telegram No. 2 to Doha.

I am sorry to add to your pre-occupations, but this would be a serious development. What do you say about it? No doubt you are keeping all the Gulf Rulers informed about developments in the Oman. Is any special action needed with Qatar?

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Addressed to Bahrain telegram No. 1396 of August 13,
Repeated for information to Doha and Tehran

Tehran telegram No. 2 to Doha.

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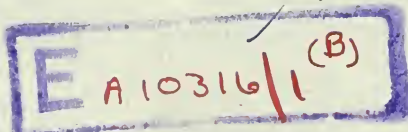
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Sir B. Burrows

No. 1038

D. 6.09 a.m. August 15, 1957

August 14, 1957

R. 8.40 a.m. August 15, 1957

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1038 of August 14

Repeated for information to Tehran

and Saving to Doha

Your telegram No. 1396: Iranian story about Qatar.

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The reasons for the Ruler's departure for Europe via Egypt for medical treatment were given in my letter to Mr. Riches No. 1844 of August 8. I later heard from the Acting Political Agent that he had spoken to the Ruler, as I instructed. The Ruler appeared receptive and said that he had no love of dictatorships and was going via Egypt only to catch steamer. He would not stay in Egypt any longer than was necessary. He also said to Mr. Giddens, just before his departure, that he was under the protection of Her Majesty's Government, a position which he had no desire whatsoever to change. It has since been learnt in Qatar that the Ruler paid a conducted visit to Port Said on August 13 and was due to travel on August 14 to Alexandria to catch steamer to Italy. He was to be entertained by Nasser, but it was not clear what form this would take.

2. I do not believe there is anything in the Iranian story. If the Ruler wanted protection from anyone else, he would turn to Saudi Arabia, not Egypt.

3. All the Rulers are, of course, being kept informed about Oman and it does not seem that any further action is required with regard to Qatar.

Foreign Office pass Tehran as my telegram No. 62.

[Repeated to Tehran].

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FROM

S. W. B.

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Visit of Kuwaiti Minister of Communications
Municipalities and Health to CAIRO. 1.10.57.

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Daily Series No. 364.
2nd October 1957.

Kuwait "The Voice of the Arabs" reported that the Amir Fahd Salim al-Sabbah, the Kuwaiti Minister of Communications, Municipalities and Health, would arrive in Cairo on 1.10.57 on a visit lasting several days at the invitation of the Egyptian Government. An honorary Egyptian mission left Cairo for Kuwait on 30.9.57 to escort him to Egypt. On 1.10.57 Abd al-Nasir was to give a dinner in his honour. The Amir would meet leading Egyptians, go on a sightseeing tour of Cairo, visit Al-Tahrir Province and Port Said, and visit ammunition factories, hospitals and museums.

